



PATENT
Our Docket: P-LJ 3578

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
John C. Reed)
Serial No: 09/350,518)
Filed: July 9, 1999)
For: A METHOD FOR DETERMINING)
THE PROGNOSIS OF CANCER)
PATIENTS BY MEASURING)
LEVELS OF BAG EXPRESSION)

Group Art Unit: 1642

Examiner: J. Nichols

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed
February 10, 2000, entry of the following Amendments and Remarks
is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 17, 28 and 45.

Please amend claims 16, 18, 25, 27, 34 and 44 as
follows:

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16. (Amended) A method for prognosis of disease-free or
overall survival of an individual having a cancer tumor,
comprising determining the level of BAG gene expression in a